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Box	Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement			
1.	Statement			
	Novdty (N)	Claims	1-15	YES
		Claims		NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-15	YES
		Claims		NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-15	YES
		Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Based on any of the documents cited in the ISR, it cannot be denied that the subject matters fo claims 1-15 appear to be novel and to involve an inventive step. None of the polymer electrolyte materials described in claims 1-11, the polymer electrolyte part described in claims 12, the membrane electrode composite described in claims 13, and the polymer electrolyte fuel cells described in claims 14 and 15 is described or suggested in any of the documents cited in the ISR.